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The Hamilton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

100TH

ANNUAL REPORT



*Celebrating 100 years
of Humane Services*



100th Annual Report



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April 1987



“we speak for those
who cannot
speak for themselves”

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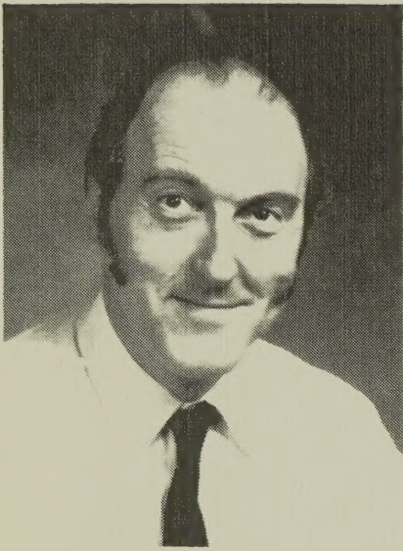
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OBJECTS AND PURPOSES

The Society is incorporated under the Companies Act of the Province of Ontario. It is a charitable organization and contributions may be counted as charitable donations under the Income Tax Law. Its objects and purposes are the prevention of any form of cruelty and the promotion of Humane Education, especially among our young people.



President's Report

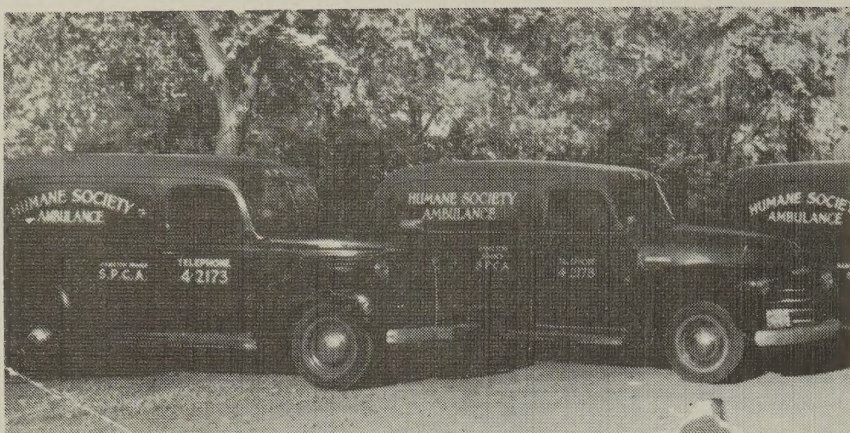
Reflecting on the activities of the Society during the past 12 months, as we stand at the threshold of our second century of service, I am struck by events in our history which have a bearing on the present.

Modelled on the SPCA which was established in the UK in 1824, the Hamilton Humane Society quickly rose to prominence within its own community and beyond. As a physician who works exclusively with children and adolescents, I recognize that the Society was a strong advocate for the rights of the young, before the formation of a separate Society for that purpose, prosecuting its first case of child abuse in Hamilton in 1888.

Hamiltonians were prominent on the Board of the Ontario SPCA from its inception in 1873, and the Hamilton Society was a leading advocate for the establishment of a national organization. The Canadian Federation of Humane Societies was formed in 1957 and our last manager is now its Executive Director.

With progressive mechanisation and an explosion in the pet population, the years immediately preceding World War II saw a major shift in the focus of the Society's animal control activities from livestock to dogs and cats. This pattern is now firmly established, as the society has expanded its service from the City of Hamilton to surrounding communities. Such has been the increase in overall activity, that several major expansions to our premises have been necessary since the first shelter was built and the first manager installed in 1950. These events are mirrored in the operating budget of the Society which has risen from \$416 in 1893 to over \$1.25 million in the current year.

In concert with animal control, our commitment to humane education has grown likewise. The Society has been involved with schools in the area since 1900 and it is salutary to note that the number of junior members in the decade 1925-35 was of the order of 10-15,000. Our General Manager will comment further on the educational activities of the Society.



Let me conclude this message by highlighting three features of the past year's business. The Animal Control Subcommittee serving the City of Hamilton (chaired by Alderman Terry Cooke and including our General Manager Cam Stableford in its membership) subjected by-laws 84-191 (The Keeping of Animals) and 85-148 to comprehensive review and effected expanded legislation to include cats. Secondly, the staff of the Society has been engaged in a professionally-run employee development and customer relations program. Finally we have struck a long-range planning committee to examine the need for a new animal shelter and we have submitted a 5 year capital budget outline to the City. These and other activities are designed to allow this Society to continue to serve its community in the exemplary manner which it has always displayed.

As I close I must thank my fellow directors, the General Manager and the staff of the Society for making the past year another resounding success in our annals.

RONNIE BARR, M.D.
President,
Hamilton SPCA

Financial Statements

**The Hamilton Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 1986

AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Directors of
The Hamilton Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

We have examined the balance sheet of The Hamilton Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as at December 31, 1986 and the statements of operating deficit, capital surplus, capital bequest account, cat assistance account, building fund account, loss and changes in cash resources for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, except as explained in the following paragraph.

In common with many charitable organizations, the Society derives part of its revenues from the general public in the form of donations which are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of revenue from this source was limited to accounting for the amounts recorded in the records of the Society.

In our opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, had donations been susceptible to complete audit verification, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Society as at December 31, 1986 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting principles described in Note 1 to the financial statements applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Hamilton, Ontario

March 20, 1987

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CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

THE HAMILTON SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 1986

ASSETS		1986	1985
Current:			
Cash on hand and in bank		24,252	31,609
Term deposits and treasury bills		163,840	50,000
Accounts receivable		35,963	8,614
Inventory of merchandise and supplies		3,920	3,375
Prepaid expenses		<u>13,279</u>	<u>1,850</u>
		<u>241,254</u>	<u>95,448</u>
Fixed: (Note 1)			
Land, buildings, equipment and vehicles		911,057	811,944
Less — accumulated depreciation		<u>310,582</u>	<u>268,686</u>
		<u>600,475</u>	<u>543,258</u>
		<u>\$841,729</u>	<u>\$638,706</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		81,272	37,793
Funds held for women's committee		<u>79</u>	<u>44</u>
Total liabilities		<u>81,351</u>	<u>37,837</u>
SURPLUS			
Operating deficit		(212,694)	(180,532)
Capital surplus		531,028	382,028
Capital Bequest Account		403,190	363,176
Cat Assistance Account		<u>38,854</u>	<u>36,197</u>
		<u>760,378</u>	<u>600,869</u>
		<u>\$841,729</u>	<u>\$638,706</u>

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

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STATEMENT OF OPERATING DEFICIT

For the year ended December 31, 1986

	1986	1985
Deficit, beginning of year	(180,532)	(121,682)
Add:		
Excess of expenses over income and contributions	<u>(32,162)</u>	<u>(58,850)</u>
Deficit, end of year	<u>(\$212,694)</u>	<u>(\$180,532)</u>

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CAPITAL SURPLUS ACCOUNT

For the year ended December 31, 1986

	1986	1985
Balance, beginning of year	382,028	267,715
Add:		
Capital grant — City of Hamilton	149,000	—
Transfer from Building Fund	<u>—</u>	<u>123,754</u>
	531,028	391,469
Less:		
Transfer to Operating Account re Special Project	<u>—</u>	<u>9,441</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$531,028</u>	<u>\$382,028</u>

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CAPITAL BEQUEST ACCOUNT

For the year ended December 31, 1986

	1986	1985
Balance, beginning of year	363,176	341,199
Add:		
Bequests received	27,907	60,450
Interest earned	12,107	13,101
	<u>403,190</u>	<u>414,750</u>
Less:		
Veterinary subsidy (net)	—	325
Transfer to building fund	—	51,249
	<u>—</u>	<u>51,574</u>
Balance, end of year	<u><u>\$403,190</u></u>	<u><u>\$363,176</u></u>

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CAT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT

for the year ended December 31, 1986

	1986	1985
Balance, beginning of year	36,197	33,217
Add:		
Income during the year	9,445	7,968
	<u>45,642</u>	<u>41,185</u>
Less:		
Expenses during the year	<u>6,788</u>	<u>4,988</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$38,854</u>	<u>\$36,197</u>

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNT

For the year ended December 31, 1986

	1986	1985
Balance, beginning of year	—	59,080
Add:		
Donations	—	6,285
Transfers from capital bequest account	—	51,249
Grant from Women's Committee	<u>—</u>	<u>7,140</u>
	—	123,754
Less:		
Transfer to capital surplus	<u>—</u>	<u>123,754</u>
Balance, end of year	\$ <u>—</u>	\$ <u>—</u>

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THE HAMILTON SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

STATEMENT OF LOSS

For the year ended December 31, 1986

	1986	1985
Income from operations:		
Municipal service fees	648,828	604,214
Licence revenue	182,490	95,076
Services income	135,704	88,709
Animal sales	31,270	30,132
Miscellaneous income	6,236	5,721
Merchandise sales	510	3,039
Gain on sale of motor vehicles	—	7,290
	<u>1,005,038</u>	<u>834,181</u>
 Expenses:		
Shelter expenses (Schedule 1)	818,798	762,206
Administrative expenses (Schedule 1)	241,267	163,523
Building expenses (Schedule 1)	109,856	96,280
Licence revenue paid to municipalities	8,245	6,563
	<u>1,178,166</u>	<u>1,028,572</u>
 Operating loss	 (173, 128)	 (194,391)
 Contributions:		
Donations	278,077	200,923
Grant for special projects	—	9,441
Membership fees	—	1,414
	<u>278,077</u>	<u>211,778</u>
 Less: Fund raising expense	 137,111	 76,237
	<u>140,966</u>	<u>135,541</u>
 Excess of expenses over income and contributions	 <u>(\$32,162)</u>	 <u>(\$58,850)</u>

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**THE HAMILTON SOCIETY FOR THE
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH RESOURCES

For the year ended December 31, 1986

SOURCE OF FUNDS	1986	1985
Donations (Net of fund raising expense)	140,966	124,686
Membership fees	—	1,414
Grant for special projects	—	9,441
Increase in capital surplus	149,000	114,313
Increase in capital bequest	40,014	21,977
Increase in cat assistance	2,657	2,980
	<u>332,637</u>	<u>274,811</u>
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Operations:		
Operating loss for the year	173,128	194,391
Add (deduct): items not involving funds:		
Depreciation	(41,896)	(33,425)
Gain on sale of motor vehicles	—	7,290
	<u>131,232</u>	<u>168,256</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital balances:		
Accounts receivable	27,349	(4,891)
Inventories	545	(935)
Prepaid expenses	11,429	1,810
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(43,480)	45,010
Funds held for women's committee	(35)	212
	<u>127,040</u>	<u>209,462</u>
Purchase of fixed assets (net)	99,114	152,592
Reduction in building fund account	—	59,080
	<u>226,154</u>	<u>421,134</u>
Increase in cash and equivalents	106,483	(146,323)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	81,609	227,932
Cash and equivalents, end of year	<u>\$188,092</u>	<u>\$81,609</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended December 31, 1986

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

Donations and bequests are recorded on a cash basis when received.

(b) Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at acquisition cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis using the following rates:

Building	2½% per annum
Equipment	10% per annum
Motor vehicles	30% per annum

(c) Inventory

Inventory has been stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

2. The Society's Board has decided to cease showing on the balance sheet various internal loans to the operations made by the Capital Bequest Fund and the Cat Assistance Account. In addition, no imputed interest charge is to be set up between funds.

3. The Society's total obligations under various operating leases for motor vehicles are as follows:

1987	\$18,446
1988	\$18,446
1989	\$ 6,925

SCHEDULE 1

THE HAMILTON SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES

For the year ended December 31, 1986

	1986	1985
Shelter Expenses:		
Wages	565,528	527,968
Employee benefits	91,184	76,218
Vehicle expenses	55,145	66,120
Veterinarian services	17,904	28,146
Food and supplies	9,403	14,002
Cleaning and odour control	10,725	10,231
Laundry and uniforms	8,375	9,740
Office and general	31,975	4,890
Licences	3,151	4,236
Medical supplies	2,393	4,112
Depreciation on motor vehicles	14,991	14,303
Depreciation on equipment	8,024	2,240
	\$818,798	\$762,206

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Administrative expenses:		
Salaries	122,246	95,583
Office and general	67,525	34,884
Telephone and radio rentals	16,015	14,841
Professional fees	5,387	8,751
Interest and bank charges	3,194	3,665
Bad debts	8,143	2,537
Advertising	4,781	1,719
Computer costs	12,225	1,250
Depreciation on office equipment	1,751	293
	<u>\$241,267</u>	<u>\$163,523</u>
Building expenses:		
Heat and light	39,214	32,238
Repairs and maintenance	26,699	27,870
Insurance and taxes	26,813	19,583
Depreciation on building	17,130	16,589
	<u>\$109,856</u>	<u>\$96,280</u>

General Manager's Report

A Century of Commitment to People and Animals

The Hamilton S.P.C.A. was founded April 1, 1887 for the purpose of preventing abuse and neglect of animals in the community. One Hundred years of service has witnessed the saving of thousands of animals and the growth of the Hamilton S.P.C.A. into a vital, dynamic community service organization.

We expect to live in a community which cares for animals — where neighbours foster mutual respect and where children develop strong ethical and moral standards towards people and animals.

This is our goal; to achieve, enrich and maintain this balance in our community.

Much of what we recognize today as common courtesy amongst neighbours is the result of Humane Society efforts to bring about laws which encourage proper control and treatment of animals. Laws which protect pets and allow animals to co-exist in harmony with the community.

Law enforcement at a local level, however, is only a small facet of our work. Today's S.P.C.A. is an active, highly spirited organization whose central focus is education and community involvement.

The Hamilton S.P.C.A. is recognized throughout Canada for its progressive and innovative community programs.

Working with the Board's of Education, the Hamilton S.P.C.A. was the first Humane Society in Canada to introduce "Humane Education" into the school system. Each year approximately 10,000 school children are visited by S.P.C.A. Officers to communicate the values and responsibility of pet ownership.

In 1985, Humane Education in our schools blossomed into a comprehensive resource offering a full spectrum of educational films and resource materials to any interested group. Fully integrated lesson plans are available for interested teachers; "animal units" have become part of the curriculum at the primary and junior levels.



And education doesn't stop there. Our educational focus includes adult groups, shelter tours for youth groups, displays in shopping malls, and at fairs, weekly community programming on local television stations, and regular articles in local print media.

In 1981, a new program was introduced to enable elderly and hospitalized citizens to benefit from the companionship only a pet can offer. The "Love for All Ages" program is now a regular feature of patient care and therapy throughout the Hamilton-Wentworth Region and is another step towards creating a harmonious relationship between people and pets.

These services are provided at absolutely no cost to anyone requesting them.

With Education as a cornerstone, the Hamilton S.P.C.A. also provides the following services:

- 24 hour animal rescue
- 24 hour emergency response to situations where public safety is threatened by animals
- Provision of emergency veterinary care for strays.
- Investigation and prosecution under the Criminal Code of Canada, Cruelty to Animals provisions.
- Lost and Found services to re-unite lost pets with their owners.
- Adoption services to find new homes for unwanted pets.
- Advice on all aspects of pet care

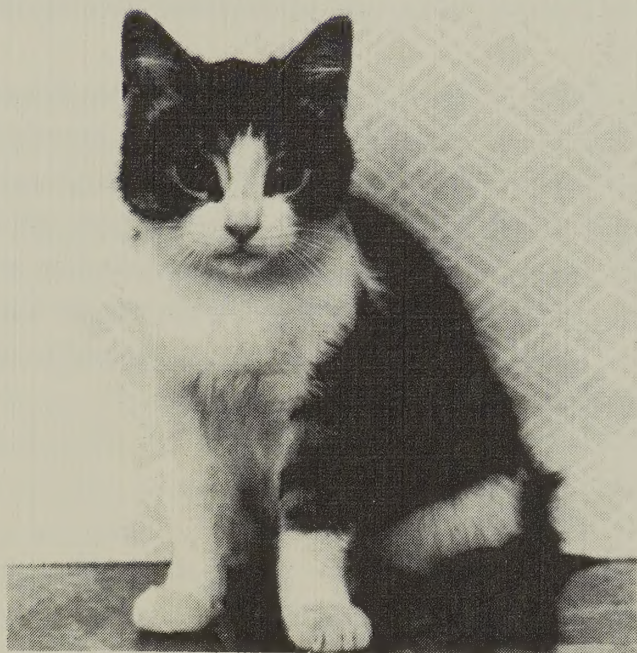
These services, as well as our humane education and Love for All Ages programs are totally funded by corporate and private donations.

The achievement of 100 years of service reflects generations of public commitment to our goals. Our membership surpassed the 14,000 mark in 1986 — a cause for celebration!

Without question . . . The HAMILTON S.P.C.A. is a strong and growing feature of our community landscape.

1986

— A Year of Further Progress



In 1986, the Hamilton S.P.C.A., as it approached its 100th anniversary took four major strides in the areas of animal protection legislation by-law enforcement programs, public education and memberships.

Through these efforts, virtually every home containing a population base of approximately 400,000 people hears our message in one form or another.

The Hamilton S.P.C.A. is strongly committed to comprehensive programs combining active public education efforts with strong animal control legislation as a long term strategy for the reduction in surplus animals.

The results of these programs can be measured in an increased donation base, telling us that more and more people are receiving our message, and, over a period of years a gradual, but steady decline in the numbers of animals being received. The shelters average "occupancy" rate for 1986 as 70% and we expect to see this decline further.

Our media efforts bore fruit in late 1986 with the successful mounting of a weekly television program. Broadcast twice weekly, "For the Love of Animals" is seen throughout the Hamilton-Wentworth Region, and deals with issues as well as practical pet care advice. The program is hosted and produced by the Hamilton Staff.

The largest Hamilton station, whose signal reaches all of Southern Ontario, regularly broadcasts our 30 second announcements promoting the adoption of shelter pets.

1986, as compared to 1985, saw a 31% increase in the number of dogs adopted and a 29% increase in cats.

While the Hamilton S.P.C.A. continues to experience low claim rates for cats, after several years of effort, we were successful in passing a City By-Law requiring cat owners to identify their cats and prevent them from running at large.



This by-law is perhaps the most comprehensive of its kind in Canada, yet by no means do we regard it as a quick answer. Hopefully it is a first step toward greater public awareness and greater protection for cats. Our success in returning a greater percentage of cats to their owners will be a direct measure of our successes in education and enforcement.

In mid 1986, the Hamilton S.P.C.A. launched a permanent animal census program. Initial results showed that only 41% of dogs were licenced in the City of Hamilton.

The programs goal is to achieve an 80-90% rate over the next two years which should result in a dramatic increase in the claim rates for dogs. The program combines enforcement with public education. Each and

every household in the City is personally visited by an S.P.C.A. Officer armed with information about the responsibility of pet ownership.

The program also provides accurate information on pet populations (both dog and cat) which will prove invaluable in the design of future programs.

The word "membership" took on a new meaning in 1986, with the introduction of our Proud Humane Society Supporter membership program. Through the generous co-operation of area businesses, S.P.C.A. members can now receive discounts on the costs of pet related services, making it financially easier to provide a high level of care of their pets. It's a program that helps members take good care of their pets, and helps the Hamilton S.P.C.A. take good care of homeless pets.



Has the Hamilton S.P.C.A. reached a plateau after 100 years? Absolutely not. We've managed to climb on to a springboard from which to launch future successes we never thought possible!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cam Stableford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

CAM STABLEFORD, GENERAL MANAGER
The Hamilton Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
April 24, 1987

Presidents 1887-1987

Adam Brown	1887-1922
A.G. Bain	1922-1939
Norman Evans	1939-1942
Walter McAdam	1942-1948
Charles R. Coome	1948-1950
James Leckenby	1950-1951
Wilfred Mackin	1951-1952
Lawrence Sentance	1952-1953
William W. Hyndman	1953-1954
William G. Tree	1954-1956
David M. Gow	1956-1959
J.E. Straw	1959-1960
E.J. Harvey Williams	1960-1963
David M. Gow	1963-1964
Betty White	1964-1965
William A. Stellings	1965-1970
M. David Brown	1970-1971
Charles A. Cecil	1971-1974
John C. Bryan	1974-1976
Gerry Swaye	1976-1978
Dudley Collins, DVM	1978-1981
Larry Belbeck, DVM	1981-1984
Jon Francis, DMV	1984-1986
Ronnie Barr, MD	1986-1987

General Managers 1950-1987

C.E. Naphtali	1950-1958
Norman Fyffe	1958-1964
A.E. Gellatly	1964-1967
Gordon Brackett	1967-1971
Gordon Magill	1971-1974
Richard Van Oldenbarneveld	1974
Tony Perry	1974-1980
James Bandow	1980-1985
Cam Stableford	1985-1987

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